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Here Gent. we conclude our lectures for the
 present year. ~~The~~ Winter has been to me
 a laborious one, but ~~unpleasant~~ It would
 have been much more so if had not its trials
 been offset - ~~and~~ by the pleasure which I have
 derived from the punctual & attentive W:
 which you have honored my instructions,
 for which I beg you to accept of my most
 respectful acknowledgements.

For the beginning of the course, many
of you gent^l asked me what books you should
read upon the subjects of my lectures. To this
question I was unable to give a satisfactory an-
-swer. You will now know the reason of it.

- The doctrine of animal life - the functions of
the liver - spleen & coeliacum
the arteries - ~~of~~ ~~and~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~viscera~~ ~~&~~ ~~about~~
the influence of the operations of the mind upon

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2 the Universality of predisposing debility -
~~the~~ the human body - the Unity of ~~the~~ disease,
extending alike to the body & mind - ~~the state~~
as manifested ^{and the blood}
signs of disease - by the states of the pulse - the
simplicity and small number of my medicines,
and the ^{appropriate} ~~same~~ specific times of giving them,
have produced such a departure in my ^{principles}
and modes of practice from all the ^{systems} ~~books of~~
of ^{Physiology} ~~pathology~~ - pathology & practice that are now
extant, than I could not recommend any
one of them, without placing nothing you
in the way of acquiring many ideas which
I should be obliged to combat in the course
of my lectures. If you have adopted the
principles, I have taught, ^{you} ~~you~~ may read
any, or all of those systems, not only with
safety, but with advantage. They abound

V delivered, has produced the same effect
upon your minds, that ~~they~~^{it} ~~has~~
had upon mine, ~~upon the body &~~
~~human body hereafter~~ mind of man
will appear as to you ^{hereafter} as different from
what ~~it is~~^{they are} exhibited in books, as if
they were dissimilar objects. But

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Take notice I beg of you to take notice here
gent: that I do not say the principles I
have taught are true. ^{far from it.} ^{say} all I shall in their
favor is, that since my practice has been
directed by them, it has been far more
successful, than it was while it was regulated
by the system of medicine in which I
was educated. ~~go to page 805 - (D)~~

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facts, which if ~~not supposed~~, may be em-
ployed in filling up the vacant spaces, on
adding to the strength of the building I have
endeavoured to erect for ~~the the same~~ your
benefit. If the ^{System of medicine} ~~principles~~ which I have ✓

I am aware gent: of the import of a
declaration, - that I have taught a new System
of Medicine. The declaration has been forced
upon me ^{by its enemies from whom} ~~by its friends from whom~~
~~not only by the kind reception and opinions~~
~~of men of power~~ for it ^{first} ~~has~~ received that
odious and unpopular name. ~~from its enemies~~,
as it has since been given to it by its friends,
in different, and remote parts of the world. The
^{late} ~~history~~ of this System of medicine has been
a singular one. It ~~first appeared in the~~
~~character of~~ it was considered as a sickly

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Crat that would ~~not~~ perish as soon as it was
 exposed to the ~~ass~~ inclemency of a cold, or
 rainy day. Contrary to calculation, it lived,
 thro' several stormy seasons
 but in great poverty and weakness. For
 many years it rambled up and down
 the Streets of Philadelphia like a little beggar
 boy, without ^a friends, and with no other
 shelter, than the scanty one afforded ~~it~~
 by its father. A few gentlemen of the family
 (whose names will ever be dear to me)
 admitted him into their houses, and
 kindhearted ~~men~~ in feeding and cloathing him.
~~some and then covered his nakedness, and gave~~
~~him a plentiful meal~~ - But a great majority
 of the physicians of our city scouted him
 from their doors, ~~and~~ some of them
 did more - they either hired the vagabonds
 of the city to pelt him with stones, or
 they rewarded them liberally for doing so

✓ It is true they have changed
his name, and ^{endeavored to person} disguised him by
a new dress — but his ~~own~~ voice,
his features & his manners all
discover his Descent from his lawful
father. —

by their friendships, and patronage. In spite of this unkind and cruel treatment the boy has grown to be man - ~~and to the surprise of all who ever knew him~~ ^{of his enemies} has acquired such marks of health, and ^{vigor} ~~strength~~ - that they ~~now~~ deny him to be ^{the} ~~my~~ offspring ~~and~~ of the father ^{to} ~~whom~~ ^{he} ~~gives~~ his existence. I am not disappointed ^{& cherished} that he is now admitted into the families of his greatest enemies, ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{reconcile} their change of conduct towards him, they ~~will~~ ~~now~~ ~~is~~ deny him to be the little orphan they ~~my~~ ~~offspring~~, and call him by another name. This is nothing new in the history of such young adventurers. I rejoice most sincerely in ^{happy removal} ~~his~~ ^{the last instance} ~~good fortune~~ ^{of his good fortune}, and derive from that circumstance a consolation that repays me for all the trouble

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✓ In thus acknowledging myself ^{gent.} to the author
of a new principle in medicine, I beg ~~gent.~~ to
~~be exculpated from the charge of being having been~~
take this opportunity of declaring that I ^{as} was
little expected to have been called to that arduous
and hazardous duty, ^{in the early part of my medical life,} as I now expect to be called
upon to fill the See of Canterbury. when I ~~first~~
settled in this city, my first study & greatest
pleasure consisted in explaining & propagating
the ~~new~~ system of medicine of my illustrious
preceptor & Fuller, and it was not until it
I was disappointed in many instances in
its application to the practice of physic, that
I ~~was then~~ observed, and thought for myself.
— The recollection of the past attainments of
our Science, ~~encouraged me to hope in the~~
~~success of future inquiries, while an ardent~~ ^{and an}

my ~~now~~ ^{the} ~~has~~ cost me. ~~I am disposed to~~
 He will - he must live now ~~and~~ ^{to} pass
 through all the ~~grades & stages~~ of human
 life. ~~But to pass over allegory~~ ^{But to pass over allegory} -
~~I am not insensible of the favor~~

am not insensible ^{& modes of practice in} of the favor with
 which my principles of medicine have been
 revived ^{by my pupils, and by many others} in distant ~~& in some foreign~~ ^{locations},
 but ~~the most gratifying~~ ^{but} I am most dis-
 posed to believe in their truth & utility when
 I reflect that they have been adopted by
 their ~~the~~ most inveterate & implacable enemies
 in this city. You will judge of the change ^{ch} which
 has taken place in their minds, when I add, that
 their hostility to me discovered by their publica-
 -tions in 1797 was compared by a sensible
 clergyman in a neighboring state to "the opening
 of the mouth of hell against me."

To this hostility I have never replied
 not even in a single paragraph in a news

much more than any confidence in my ^{abilities, encouraged} ~~own~~ ^{Desire} to relieve human misery, ~~prompted~~ ^{me to hope for the success in future} ~~me to exercise all the power~~ ^{constant} ~~in order to to~~ ^{my} inquiries in
in medicine.

~~own professions~~. Painful - laborious and
unremitted have been my labors for that purpose.
Numerous - complicated and cruel have been
- ~~such and~~ the persecutions that have followed them. ^V

- peace - and forgiveness to the authors of
them! ——— ^{Thineunkindness have} ~~they have lately exhibited~~
^{this its} ~~these~~ last sign of departing life. The here
must ^{them their} ~~will~~ soon convey ~~them~~ ^{to the oblivion}
of the grave. ⁷

○ Among the ~~difficulties~~ ^{medical} painful circum-
stances that attended the propagation of my
principles in medicine, my being obliged to
oppose the system of ^{my} Dr Cullen was not
the least. He was dear to me as a master,

9, Although I am possessed of myself.

V You may form some idea of the nature of them, when I add, they were composed in the year 1797 by a Citizeness of a neighbouring state to "the opening the mouth of hell against me"

and I have been more than once told, that I shared largely in his friendship. But I was reconciled to my conduct ^{only} by reflecting that ~~but~~ our Objects were the same, and were it possible for ~~him to rise from his grave,~~ ^{his departed spirit to appear} to me in my study, or to meet in an evening walk - he would say to me "go on my son - ~~you were only with~~ ^{continue to exercise that} ~~spirit~~ freedom of inquiry which it was

methinks I hear the same awful voice
issuing from the tomb of my beloved
master. It seems to say to me. "In the
progress in our Science towards the perfection
which awaits it, your System of medicine
will soon follow the fate of mine. Future
discoveries in Anatomy, Chemistry - and natu-
-ral history will consign a part of it to
oblivion, and render alterations necessary
in every other part of it." Delightful intelligence!

- I anticipate its ^{accomplishment} with pleasure. Perhaps I
am now addressing the gentleman - who
shall from the Chair I now occupy, - or from
the press - expose the ~~errors~~ ^{System} of my ~~pre-
sented~~ ^{present} ~~of~~ medicine. - Did I know who
was to be that person, I would take him
^{into my arms,} ~~by the hand,~~ and cordially wish him
Success in his noble Undertaking. ==

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my pride and pleasure to excite in all my pupils
- you have ^{only} added a story to the building of w.
I laid the foundation. - ~~if the fabric is~~
~~yet incomplete. ^{and if I} my fate one long~~
~~will be yours. ^{and if I} the empire of~~
Death ~~be limited~~ has been ^{any part of} leprosed in a single
instance by your rejection of ^{any part of} my principles
in medicine. I shall ~~be satisfied~~ rejoice in
it!! yes - venerable shade! - I am sure
you do; - for your whole life was ^{animated not} regulated
~~not~~ up by the love of our science, than
by the most sublime & disinterested bene-
volence to ~~the~~ your fellow creatures! -

The dead sometimes call upon us
from their tombstones. and say - "as you
were now - so once was I, - as I am
now - so - shortly - you shall be." me =

✓ I regret that the number & pressure
of my engagements during the winter,
& ~~lastly the visits of my family~~ ^{whose frequent}
prevented my cultivating an intercourse
with you ~~I have seen I have lost~~
from which I should have derived
both pleasure & instruction.

Labors! 12. Perish my name
— Perish my name, and the memory of my
labors — ^{from the words of time, time,} provided the Prince I have loved &
cherished be advanced, and perfected in the
world. —

I have only just ^{express my sincere} to ~~express my sincere~~
regret in parting with you. Adept of my
thanks for the respectful & flattering Atten-
-tion with which you have been pleased to
honour these lectures, and receive from ~~me~~
heart ~~overflowing~~ me, the most cordial
affectionate good wishes for your future
prosperity & happiness.

